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## Tenancy Tribunal Backlog Of 348 Cases

### U.S. Film Embargo

New York, Aug. 8.—United States film producers voted to discontinue immediately shipment of all United States films to Britain.

The embargo is to continue indefinitely.

The heads of 50 major film producing companies belonging to the Motion Picture Association of America decided today to discontinue immediately the shipment of all United States films to Britain. This decision was taken behind closed doors at which Britain's 75 percent taxation on earnings of United States films was discussed.

Mr Erlo Johnson, who presided, announced after the three-hour meeting that the Association had voted to discontinue immediately all shipment of United States feature films and short subjects to Britain.—Reuter.

### PROMISE TO AID EUROPE RENEWED.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The Secretary of State, Mr George Marshall, today reiterated America's determination "to offer stricken countries American economic co-operation for the restoration of their national and international economies."

This statement was contained in the reply by Mr Marshall to the note from the Argentine Foreign Minister, Dr Juan Attilio Bramuglia, which had called on the United States to adhere firmly to pacifist principles.

The Argentine note also asked the United States "to go to the help of the other countries of the world jointly with the countries of America and the Holy See to solicit their adherence to pacifist principles and to offer them the necessary economic co-operation."

Mr Marshall replied: "This country as always will continue to give its devoted adherence to the principles of peace."

### PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION

Mr Marshall also drew attention to the "actual measures my country has taken and is taking jointly with all countries that have manifested their readiness to co-operate, to settle adherence to the principles of peace, to help the countries that had been gravely stricken as a consequence of war and specifically to offer these stricken countries the economic co-operation for the restoration of their national and international economies."

Apart from its significance as a general statement of policy on the Marshall plan for Europe and related problems, the note was considered important here because it foreshadowed co-operation between the United States and the Argentine in the drawing up of the Pan-American defence treaty at Rio de Janeiro Conference next week.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

### Council Of Women

THE intelligent and dignified tone of the meeting held on Thursday to inaugurate a Hongkong Council of Women, as well as the obvious zest with which the audience followed the proceedings, gives promise of a new and lively interest being taken by women in Hongkong's public affairs. First encouraging sign is the awakened consciousness to the need for greater participation by women in the affairs of the Colony. It was the women themselves who sought inclusion in the jury panel lists and they have followed this up by forming an organisation, which if effectively sustained, can play an important part in Hongkong's civic development. The objectives of the Council are interesting. It is intended to become affiliated to the International Council of Women, for the purpose of helping to promote international friendship and to take part in consultations for the promotion of the welfare of mankind and to secure the removal of discrimination

### Anglo-Soviet Trade Talks

### Moves For Resumption

London, Aug. 8.—The British and Soviet authorities have both moved to resume the trade talks between the two countries which reached a deadlock recently. It was authoritatively learned in London tonight.

After it had been stated that the Soviet Government had made a fresh approach to Britain, Mr Harold Wilson, Secretary for Overseas Trade and leader of the recent British mission to Moscow, said that Britain had taken the initiative in seeking to resume negotiations.

He denied that Britain had refused to resume negotiations and was acting under pressure from the United States.

"Both sides have stated their willingness to enter into further negotiations, but no basis has yet been found for a resumption, which is held up pending the fulfilment by the Soviet Government of their obligations, up to August 1, to which they are committed under the terms of the Civil Supplies Agreement of 1941, Mr Wilson said.

The Soviet offer, it was learned, was for a renewal of discussions on the trade side of the pact provided that the financial side can be settled, since it was over financial considerations that the negotiations broke down last month.

The new Soviet approach does not in itself provide any clues as to how an agreement might be reached.—Reuter.

### Food For Britain

Sydney, Aug. 9.—The liner *Stratheden* sailed for London on Friday with 300 passengers, 276,000 dozen shell eggs, 400,000 boxes of butter, 100 tons of poultry and 141 tons of wine.

The liner, due in London on September 12, also carried 9,000 bags of mailed food parcels.—Associated Press.

### SUBSIDIES FOR TOKYO'S PUBLIC BATHHOUSES

Tokyo, Aug. 8.—The 767 public bathhouses in Tokyo, in which the city's populace happily scrub away cares in water hot enough to boil lobsters, are so hard hit by the fuel scarcity that the Welfare Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Board today decided to grant subsidies as a matter of public health necessity.

The closing of more than 100 houses which were non-electrified and the inability of war-damaged houses to rebuild because of material shortage has reduced the number now operating to 342, which is wholly inadequate to serve the people who regard a bath with almost the same importance as rice.

The metropolitan bureau, therefore, will assist proprietors to install electric furnaces and in procuring material for rebuilding plus emergency subsidies to make the business profitable.

The cost, used to be five sen per bath, has now risen to two yen—40 times the prewar cost, while fuel has risen more than 100 times.—United Press.

### Labour Govt. May Look For New Leader

London, Aug. 8.—Political quarters tonight predicted the likelihood of an early Cabinet reshuffle to provide more forceful leadership for Britain's fight back to economic stability.

The general anxiety is to find a compelling personality to co-ordinate the effort. Two candidates are mentioned, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, who directed Britain's wartime manpower of 25,000,000 workers, and the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, champion of "iron rations" and the hard road back to recovery.

The Cabinet is confronted by a dilemma as a consequence of the Parliamentary Labour Party's mixed reception of the Government's plans to beat the economic crisis.

The Cabinet must decide quickly whether to stick to its announced programme or to invest the plans with greater punch.

### GOVT. WINS POWERS

London, Aug. 8.—The Labour Government today in effect, won its struggle to obtain emergency powers for tackling the economic crisis. These powers—the same as those given to Mr Winston Churchill's own administration in 1940, the year of the Dunkirk crisis—are included in the Bill which had its second reading in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The House had earlier rejected by 251 votes to 143 a Conservative amendment rejecting the Bill.

Though the Government is now regarded as being over—the main hurdle, the Conservatives will renew their attack on the Bill on Monday, when the Government will press the Bill to a third reading so that it can be sent to the House of Lords and become law before Parliament rises on Wednesday.

Mr Winston Churchill, who led today's attack, described the Bill as "a blank cheque for a totalitarian government." Before he spoke, Mr Herbert Morrison, the chief pilot of the Bill, had denied that there was any "deep dark plot to conduct a social revolution by the Defence Regulation."

There is likely to be searching criticism of the Government's armed forces cuts—considered by some forthright Labour Members to be inadequate.

### PARTY MEETING

Mr Attlee and his Cabinet colleagues on Monday will hold a Party meeting whose mood is unpredictable.

Arranged in answer to the demand of anything up to a hundred Labour Members, the meeting may become a grand inquest.

The crisis measures, they think, fall far short of requirements.

### Communal Riots Continue

New Delhi, Aug. 9.—One hundred and twenty persons have been killed and hundreds injured in continued fighting between the Moslems and Sikhs in five villages in the district of Amritsar, the provincial government of the Punjab said on Friday.

Military reinforcements were sent into the Punjab as the Moslem-Sikh riot death toll mounted and tension increased with the approach of the partition of the province between Moslem Pakistan and the predominantly Hindu Indian Union.

The communal fighting has been particularly bitter in the region of Amritsar, one of the Sikh holy cities. The Sikhs have been demonstrating against partition, which they fear will leave many of their sect a weak minority in the new Moslem state. The Punjab is considered their home-land by the Sikhs.—Associated Press.

### "Pooping Tom" Uses Binoculars

London, Aug. 8.—There were so many Pooping Toms back in the reign of Edward III 600 years ago that they passed a law against them.

Today Stanley Williams, 26-year-old barrister, was arrested under the ancient statute, which calls pooping "eavesdropping". He allegedly used binoculars to watch two chorus girls undress in the Stoll Theatre.

Williams' defence was that he was using a dictaphone, which the girls mistook for field-glasses. He was ordered to put up £200 in bond for his future good behaviour.—United Press.

The full name of the Club is "The Society for the Cultivation and Encouragement of Hirudine Appendages with Graspable Extremities".—United Press.

### The Saturday Morning Sports Round-Up

## Gloucestershire LOSE TO LANCS

### South Africans' Easy Win

London, Aug. 8.—Although beaten by Lancashire today, Gloucestershire gained a four-points lead from Middlesex in the County cricket championship table, because they had led on the first innings.

Middlesex only drew with Kent, while Derbyshire, third in the table, were beaten by Essex.

The results of games which ended today were:

At Manchester: Lancashire beat Gloucestershire by ten wickets.

Lancashire 341 and 183 for no wickets (Washbrook 107 not out).

Gloucestershire 415 and 108 (Cranston 55 for 40).

At Northampton: Sussex beat Northants by nine wickets.

Northants 353 and 366 (Davis 108, E.

Davis 57, Langridge 55 for 61).

Sussex 480 for eight declared and 40 for one.

At Leicester: Yorkshire beat Leicestershire by an innings and four runs.

Yorkshire 541 for nine declared.

Leicestershire 344 (Lester 50, Wardle 55 for 107) and 193 (Jackson 50 for 107).

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Glamorgan by 14 runs.

Worcestershire 170 and 349 (Palmer 124, Hocken 47 for 50, Wardle 50, Glamorgan 373 for nine declared and 132 (Jackson 45 for 50, Howorth 51 for 45).

At Portsmouth: Hampshire beat Surrey by 94 runs.

Hants 186 and 304 for four declared (McCorckell 92 not out).

Surrey 136 and 350 (Fisher 128, Parker 55, Barling 60).

At Canterbury: Kent drew with Middlesex.

Kent 423 for eight declared and 181 for six (Valentine 56, Young 49 for 20).

Middlesex 235 and 429 for eight declared (Robertson 140, Edrich 130, Robins 68).

At Cheshire: Sussex beat Derbyshire by five wickets.

Derbyshire 223 and 304 for five.

At Nottingham: Somerset drew with Nottinghamshire.

Somerset 103 for one.

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